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Corps of Engineers to change public notice procedures

Notices will be available online, hard copies must be requested

Baltimore — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District's Regulatory Branch will change its procedures for publication and distribution of public notices. Beginning Sept. 6, the Baltimore District will no longer mail paper copies of public notices, except on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Regulatory Branch. Public notices will be available on the Baltimore District's Regulatory Program website at http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/, and by e-mail.

Notification of issuance of public notices will be sent weekly via e-mail to individuals or organizations who have asked to be on an electronic mailing list. Public notice listings on the website will clearly identify state, county and type of work to make it easier to find specific projects or special issues public notices. Special issues usually do not involve a permit application, and are on general topics such as changes in Corps regulations and policies, restricted areas and emergency permitting requirements.

If there are no public notices in a given week, an e-mail notification will not be sent.

To receive electronic public notice notifications, submit a completed "Public Notice Electronic Mailing List Registration Form". Registration forms may be mailed, faxed or completed and submitted via the Baltimore District website. **Registration forms without an email address will not be processed.** Individuals and organizations currently on the Regulatory mailing list must submit a new registration form to be included on the updated electronic mailing list. Those registering will be responsible for providing correct email addresses. The Corps will not be able to verify the receipt of electronic notifications.

To seek an exception to the new procedures, provide an explanation as to why paper copies are required, such as no access to internet or email, and current contact information, including name, complete mailing address and a daytime phone number. In addition, indicate on which distribution list(s) you would like to be included. The distribution lists are:

- AL All Baltimore District Regulatory Program public notices
- **SP** Special Issues public notices
- **PA** All Pennsylvania public notices (within Baltimore District Regulatory boundaries)
- **MD** All Maryland, District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia military bases public notices
- **MW** Western Maryland public notices (Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties)
- **MN** Northern Maryland public notices (Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil and Harford counties and Baltimore City)
- MS Southern Maryland public notices (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Prince Georges and St. Mary's counties, District of Columbia and Northern Virginia military bases)
- **ME** Maryland Eastern Shore public notices (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester counties)

Requests for an exception to the new electronic distribution procedures can be mailed or faxed to:

Public Notice Coordinator
Regulatory Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District
P.O. Box 1715
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715
FAX: (410) 962-6024

The Corps will continue to furnish paper copies to applicants and adjacent property owners of proposed projects.